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SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, in spite of three advertisements no qualified Health Assistant has applied for this job. Will the Government consider at least to confirm the present incumbent of the post ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Because no qualified applicant was forthcoming we were forced to appoint a not fully qualified person. So long as qualified persons are not available, less qualified people will have to be appointed. We cannot make a general exemption.

Master plan for Courtallam.

* 586 *Q.*—SRI SOWDI S. SUNDARA BARATHI (on behalf of SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any master plan for the development of Courtallam ; and

(*b*) if so, the details of the same, the approximate cost and the duration in which it is to be completed ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: (*a*) & (*b*) The Collector of Tirunelveli (Chairman of the Courtallam Township Committee) has been requested to prepare a master plan for development of Courtallam so as to enable the Government to examine the question of including a scheme for the development of Courtallam in the Third Five-Year Plan. The details regarding approximate cost, duration, etc., will be worked out on receipt of report from the Collector.

SRI A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIAR: இரண்டு வருஷத்திற்கு முன்னமேயே திட்டம் தயாரிக்கப்பட்டு அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதைப்பற்றி இன்று வரைக்கும் ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON: குற்றாலம் டவுன்ஷிப் சேர்மனிடம் இந்தத் தகவல் கேட்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இது வரையிலும் அரசாங்கத்திற்கு எந்தத் தகவலும் கிடைக்கவில்லை.

Fire accident in Varadarajapuram.

* 587 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that several huts were destroyed and three children were dead by fire in Varadarajapuram, Egmore, on 2nd February 1960 ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken to render help to the homeless ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) A sum of Rs. 1,120 was sanctioned towards the cash and clothing grants and distributed to the victims. It is proposed to provide alternative accommodation to the victims of the fire.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: What is the total amount of loss and what is the cause of the fire accident ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: The total loss is estimated at about Rs. 10,000 and three children also lost their lives. Quarrel is reported to be the cause of the fire.